

McAUGHEY says railroad rates can be lowered and wages kept up, but always there are doubters.

The Topeka State Journal.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR Kansas: Rain and colder tonight. Saturday cloudy and probably unsettled.

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THREE CENTS

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY NAMED

Soldier-Workmen Council Votes 4 to 1 for That Kind.

Fixes January 19 as the Time for an Election.

BERNSTORFF IN MINISTRY

Another Appeal for Aid Comes From Huns to America

Hindenburg Says He Will Form New Line for Boche Army.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—The Arbeiter Soldatenrat (workmen's and soldiers' council) decided in favor of a constitutional form of government today by a four-fifths majority. It fixed January 19 for the meeting of the national assembly.

Count Bernstorff, it was stated today, is likely to become foreign minister, in the event that Count Brockdorff, minister to Denmark, declines the post.

It was reported several days ago that Bernstorff had been suggested for foreign minister. Later it was stated the plan had been abandoned in favor of the objection by the emperor. Taylor's dispatch indicates that Bernstorff's appointment is again being seriously considered.

All Walk Out.

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—All the leading officials of the German foreign office are on strike today in protest of the resignation of Dr. Solf as foreign minister, according to the Rhenish Westphalian Gazette. None of the officials has appeared for duty in the last several days, nor has anyone reported himself ill. In their absence the routine work of the foreign office is piling up and there is nobody to look after it.

Asks U. S. for Help.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Germany has addressed to the state department another appeal for American aid. The department is not making the message public inasmuch as it contains no new facts.

The general feeling here is that the message is part of the German propaganda designed to stir up a false sympathy for the Teuton nation.

Hindenburg's New Line.

(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has telegraphed the German government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice, according to a dispatch to the Journal from Zurich today.

The government has asked the field marshal for an explanation, adds a dispatch but has not yet received a reply. It also is announced that two regiments of the active army will be sent to Frankfurt-on-the-Main at an early date.

The correspondent affirms that Major General Scheuch, the Prussian war minister, Field Marshal von Hindenburg and General Lequis, former governor of Metz who is in command of the active troops in Alsace, are behind a counter-revolutionary movement. He declares the existing government is manifestly incapable of preventing the realization of their scheme.

Is Ebert Out?

London, Dec. 20.—Reports from Copenhagen state that the German cabinet headed by Friedrich Ebert has resigned but there is no confirmation of them as yet. (Thursday's dispatches first gave this news.)

For a National Assembly.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The congress of soldiers' and workmen's councils has decided that elections to the national assembly shall be held January 19. Those opposed to the summoning of a national assembly polled only forty votes out of a total of 240.

Recall Count Montecas.

Munich, Dec. 19.—General Count Max Montecas, who was recalled from Switzerland to enter the Bavarian cabinet on November 21 and who has been referred to by French newspapers as the "second Lichnowsky" because of his revelations of conditions prevailing in Germany early in the war, has just received a letter from President Wilson. It follows:

"In these decisive weeks the eyes of all the world are turned to you. All the eyes of the German people in the present difficult crisis are watching you. We do not beg, we do not want forgiveness but we do want justice. We do not say physically that one of us is guiltier than the other. We (Continued on Page Two.)

2 MILLION KILLED DAY FOR BUTTONS

That Is the Total of Germans Dead in the War.

Cologne Gazette Gives Figures In November 25 Issue.

TOTAL CASUALTIES 6,066,769

Prussian Loss Is Heaviest, With 1,262,000 Men Dead.

Bavaria Lost Half Million, With Saxony Close Third.

New York, Dec. 20.—When the total German casualties are published, the number of dead will be about two million, according to the Cologne Gazette of November 25, a copy of which has been sent here. Up to October 25 the total casualties reported were 6,066,769, of whom more than 4,750,000 were Prussians.

The total includes the naval casualties, which were 70,000, comprised of more than 25,000 dead, more than 15,000 missing and nearly 29,000 wounded.

Casualty list number 1,284, published on October 24, according to the Cologne Gazette, placed the number of dead at 1,611,094, the number of wounded at 3,632,132 and the missing at 772,522. The paper says that of the number reported missing 180,000 may be considered dead.

The Cologne paper uses the word "Appalling" in describing the casualties among the officers. The total on October 24, included 44,700 officers killed, 82,400 officers wounded and 13,600 missing, a total of 140,700. The loss in officers alone the paper points out exceeds the total number of German in the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, when the total losses were 129,658.

Total to October 24.

The total on October 24, which did not include casualty lists from the fighting on the Western front after that date, nor the German losses in Palestine, was apportioned by the paper as follows among the various army contingents:

Prussia, 1,252,050 dead; 2,882,671 wounded; 616,133 missing. Total 4,750,854.

Bavaria, 150,658 dead; 243,823 wounded; 72,115 missing. Total 586,596.

Saxony 108,017 dead; 252,027 wounded; 51,782 missing. Total 411,826.

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DAY FOR BUTTONS

All Should Wear Red Cross Badges Tomorrow.

Girls Will Provide Them to All Street Pedestrians.

STATIONED AT EVERY CORNER

They Will Put Membership Insignia on Every One.

All of the Girls Have War Work Records.

County Chairman.

Influenza and weather conditions are interfering with the Red Cross campaign. I realize the seriousness of the situation, but Kansas must redeem its pledge to the army and navy by 100 per cent enrollment in Red Cross. I urge you to redouble efforts to that end.

ARTHUR CAPPER, Governor.

By official proclamation of the local Red Cross officials, tomorrow will be Red Cross button day in Topeka. Every person appearing on the streets of the city tomorrow will be expected to wear the insignia of membership in the Red Cross. It is to be a display of patriotism, and neither age nor youth, nor wealth, nor poverty is to be sufficient to exempt anyone from the blue bordered Red Cross buttons.

In order that no persons may have any grounds on which to base a statement that "I was not solicited," the publicity committee has thoughtfully provided a committee of girls to be stationed on the streets tomorrow. They will be expected to place the insignia on the sign manual of the Red Cross member prominently displayed on his person.

A Decoration Day.

In his announcement of the committee today, "Big Bing Bang Bill" Bibb asserted that the button day is to be largely in the nature of a decoration day. It is to be a gala day in which every true patriot in Topeka, whether a citizen or a transient, should take pride in exhibiting the cross of patriotism.

"The soldiers overseas have their crosses for valor," Bibb asserted, "and tomorrow the people of Topeka should be proud to exhibit the cross of patriotism, which can be won on this side of the water by a civilian."

According to Bibb's plan, one of the big holidays in Europe when every person takes pride in displaying the cross of patriotism and civic pride. In Topeka, the day is to be a display of showing both of these qualities is the wearing of the insignia of the Red Cross.

Go After Delinquents.

For those persons who have not yet become members of the society of mercy, the corps of girls on the streets will offer every opportunity to come to the humiliated. In fact the instructions to the committee are that they even go so far as to gently urge non-wearers of the button to immediately and forthwith acquire one of them and wear it at least for the rest of the day.

It is not a strong arm proposition Bibb said today, but it is designed to meet the need for last minute members of the corps of girls on the streets. The Red Cross without having thrust upon them the humiliating experience of being rebuffed by an ungentle, and plain spoken band of proven strong arm artists.

Nearly every member of the committee which is to have under its wing the selling of Red Cross Christmas memberships on the streets tomorrow is and has been a faithful worker for the Red Cross since the war rooms or in the canteen.

All Good Workers.

The girls have given freely of their time and energy, and every one of them has a friend or relative in the fighting forces of the United States. It will seem to them that every man in the army and every woman should at least care enough for the men who have defended the American home from Hunnish domination that they should contribute to the purchase of a button.

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HOLD STREET CAR MEN

Murder Charges Made Against New York Officers After 90 Deaths.

New York, Dec. 20.—A King's county grand jury today indicted Timothy S. Williams, president of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company; John H. Hallock, president of the New York consolidated railroad company and four subordinate officers and employees, each defendant being accused of both first and second degree manslaughter in connection with the deaths of more than ninety persons in the Malbone street tunnel wreck in November. The trial was set for January 6, when the defendants appeared in court and pleaded not guilty.

TO U. S. EXPORT TRADE

One Million Tons of Shipping Will Be Released for That Purpose.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Arrangements have been made by which 1,000,000 tons of shipping will be released from the American export trade to aid home industries in changing from war to a peace basis.

"HOW TO KEEP HEALTHY"

In these days of epidemics the public health is paramount. Never before has the public been awakened to such a desire for information on matters of disease.

Recognizing this demand the State Journal has arranged with Dr. S. J. Crumrine, known the country over for his success in the activities of the state board of health, for a weekly discussion of personal hygiene and community sanitation. These discussions will be printed every Saturday evening under the heading "How to Keep Healthy."

Tomorrow Doctor Crumrine will write about "Influenza." After tomorrow his column will contain answers to questions sent in by State Journal readers. Doctor Crumrine will not make diagnoses, he will not discuss the treatment of diseases, nor will he prescribe for individual diseases. But he will answer all questions of concern to the general public.

This column is conducted for your benefit. It is a matter of direct concern to all Kansans.

TAKE THEIR LANDS AIR MEN ARE DUE

Austrian National Council Will Take Crown Property.

The Imperial Castle Will Be a Children's Home Now.

Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—The Austrian national council has decided to confiscate all the crown lands, according to dispatches received here today.

The imperial castle will be converted into a children's home. Austrian officials who shared in the responsibility for starting the war will be punished.

A bill has been introduced in the chamber of deputies, providing for investigation and prosecution of army leaders and subordinates.

A Shortage of Food.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The Vatican has transmitted to the entire chancery a note from the Vienna government regarding lack of food in several cities in Austria.

Charles With Looting.

Geneva, Dec. 20.—The Vienna Newswriter Journal charges Archduke Leopold Salvator, uncle of former Emperor Karl, with looting in Austria and with the participation of other prominent persons with looting army stores of foodstuffs.

3,700 MORE COME

Two Transports Are in Port Today With U. S. Troops.

Martha Washington and Mercury Carry 600 Wounded Men.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 20.—The transports Martha Washington and Mercury came into port today, bringing home from France 3,720 officers and men, including 600 wounded.

Mallory Brings 1,400.

New York, Dec. 20.—The United States army transport Henry R. Mallory arrived today with 1,400 American soldiers from Bordeaux. Six hundred of the men are wounded.

Others Also in Port.

The transport Manchuria from Brest, carrying 158 officers and 4,082 men also arrived today.

She carried 13 officers and 52 men of the 56th field artillery; 60 officers and 881 men of the 124th field artillery; 51 officers and 1,452 men of the 17th field artillery; 10 officers and 98 men of the 21st cavalry; 10 officers and 81 men of the 16th ammunition train; 18 men headquarters company, 62nd infantry brigade; 10 assistant officers and 946 sick and wounded.

Another arrival was the White Star liner Mesagoria from Liverpool, among whose 350 passengers were a number of American, Australian and Canadian army and navy officers and Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross workers.

An Italian trainee company, composed of Col. Hugo Pizzarello and Lieut. Angelo Fanelli, also were aboard.

They will go directly to Washington.

TO CONTROL FLU

City Ordinance Introduced by Commissioner Porter Today.

Give Officials Power To Enforce Strict Quarantine.

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Isolated in Rooms Until Seven Days After the Fever.

Power To Close Places of Business During Epidemics.

This morning at a meeting of the city commissioners an ordinance was presented by Commissioner W. L. Porter for first reading, which if adopted will greatly aid the city public health department in handling the influenza situation.

In order to prevent the introduction and spread of influenza in the city, it is ordered that physicians attending persons afflicted with the disease and the proprietors of rooming houses, apartment houses or hotels, shall report the knowledge of such cases to the public health department at once upon learning of such cases.

The house hotel or apartment wherein the sick person is residing is to be placed under a quarantine at once and carded so as to prevent the entrance of persons not knowing of the presence of the disease in the building, the ordinance provides. Further the order provides that none but the nurse or attending physician may enter or leave the quarantined house.

However, the wage earner of the family may obtain a permit to carry on his accustomed activities by applying to the city public health department, provided he consents to remain isolated from the sick person and takes every possible precaution to avoid contracting the disease himself.

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The city health officer is empowered to maintain entire supervision over all influenza cases within the limits of the city and is to see that all cases are isolated in accordance with the ordinance, and that the necessary isolation and provisions as to isolation of houses, and quarantines are obeyed and that the ordinance is in compliance with the regulations provided in the ordinance.

School Closing Power.

If it should be come evident that an epidemic of influenza is on the verge of taking place, the city health officer is also authorized to close private and public schools, to suspend all public gatherings, political, religious or otherwise, to close up theaters, and to make whatever regulations or orders are deemed necessary to prevent the spread of the disease and prevent its developing into another disastrous epidemic.

The ordinance provides for a fine of from \$10 to \$100 for each violation of any part of the regulations of the ordinance. It does not repeal any existing health regulations but is to be considered as additional or supplemental to the health ordinances already in force.

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